



*Help along the way*

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Dear Friends:

Please help make the **Oley Foundation's silent auction** a resounding success!

The Oley Foundation, a national nonprofit organization, provides education, support, and networking opportunities to people unable to absorb nutrition from food, and who depend on home intravenous nutrition and/or tube feeding (like Natalie and Tiffany, right). Several thousand people in the United States are dependent on these therapies and research has shown that connecting to Oley programs reduces catheter-related bloodstream infections and incidences of depression, and increases overall quality of life. We are making a difference! As the parent of a child on tube feeding, I often share this sentiment: **“Connecting with Oley was like finding a home we didn't know we had...It was such a relief to find solutions to tube troubles and reassuring to read profiles of older children enjoying active lifestyles.”**

**Oley is hosting the 33rd Annual Consumer/Clinician Conference at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, June 24-27, 2018.** At this meeting, patients and family members come together with medical professionals for learning, networking, and fun while advancing their understanding of these life-sustaining therapies. This is also an opportunity for attendees to meet others that live similarly, which is extremely powerful and often described as life-altering.

We ask for your help. We do not charge patients and their families a registration fee. Proceeds from the silent auction and raffles held at the event help offset our costs. We ask you and your organization to consider donating gift certificates, services, or merchandise. Highlights of past auctions/raffles have included theater and sporting event tickets, museum passes, hotel stays, fine dining, spa treatments, baskets of wine or bath products, and gift cards from major national merchants. If you prefer, we will also accept donations of cash! In return, you will get a lot of visibility. Your brand will be seen by our conference attendees (we have had as many as 450!), and we will spotlight select donations on Oley social media. Our members and their friends and family will help spread the word that you are a friend of Oley. If you are local to the auction this year in Memphis, please also consider attending. It is just plain fun!

**Anything that you can contribute will help to make the auction a huge success and keep Oley moving forward!** Donations are tax deductible.

The enclosed flyer will help you better understand the mission and goals of the Oley Foundation. Please do not hesitate to call with any questions. We hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

Mary Wootten  
Auction Chair, Program Associate



*Natalie and Tiffany became friends at the 2017 conference. Tiffany is a great role model for Natalie, as Natalie is becoming older and more responsible for her own care.*